

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 3, 1884.

The City Council met, the following members being in attendance:—Mayor Hyman, Aldermen Birrell, O'Meara, Labatt, Cowan, Beattie, Skinner, Stringer, Niven, Becher, and Scarrow.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received:—

From Annie Brown, asking for remission of taxes. No. 1.

From Messrs. Graydon & Cox, C. A. Jones and J. M. Moore, in relation to putting new boundary stones. No. 2.

From Mr. J. B. Laing and others, petitioning that steps be at once taken to remove the magazine from its present location. Referred to Committee No. 1.

Mr. G. A. Mathewson, requesting permission to erect a frame shed in rear of his house on Dufferin Avenue. Granted.

From Mr. Peter Murray, applying for the office of Market Inspector, in view of a probable change, and offering to do the work for \$500 a year. No. 3.

From Messrs. Cronyn & Betts, on behalf of Mr. William Bryce, claiming damages from the corporation in consequence of the detriment of his business by the laying of the flag stone in front of his place of business, it being raised above his doorstep. No. 2.

From Mr. R. Wright, appealing for the remission of dog tax. Referred to No. 1 Committee.

From Mr. S. F. Peters, applying for permission, on behalf of the Protestant Home Board, to lay a tile drain from the Home through the streets to the river at foot of Grosvenor street.

The request was, on motion, granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

From Mr. Geo. Webster, on behalf of the Scott Act Committee, asking for free use of the City Hall to hold a temperance meeting.

Ald. Beattie moved, seconded by Ald. Becher, that the hall be granted on payment of current expenses.

Ald. Stringer moved an amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Hall be granted free.

On a division, the original motion was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Niven, Becher.

Nays—Skinner, Scarrow and Stringer.

From Mr. Joseph Hickson, G.T.R., regarding the gates on street crossings. Fyled.

From Rev. Father Tiernan, asking the free use of City Hall for holding a bazaar from December 27th to January 7th.

The hall was granted on payment of current expenses, an amendment to grant it free being supported by Aldermen Skinner, Scarrow and Stringer.

From the Secretary of the True Blue Benefit Society, asking for use of City Hall on Dec. 24th to hold an assembly. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From Messrs. Cahill, Moore & Berry, asking use of City Hall on Dec 5th. This was referred to No. 2 Committee.

From Rev. T. O'Connell, (through his Worship the Mayor), asking the use of the City Hall for charitable purposes on the 11th of Nov.

Granted on payment of current expenses.

NO. 3. COMMITTEE.

In the absence of the Chairman, Ald. Niven read the following report:—1. That the petition of H. H. Judd be fyled. 2. That the petition of Rev. Canon Innes for the erection of a street lamp in front of St. Paul's Church be granted. 3. That the petition of J. E. Inneson be fyled.

The report was adopted.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE.

In the absence of Ald. Hewitt (chairman), Ald. Scarrow read the report of No. 2 Committee, as follows:—

1. That the tender for flagstone sidewalk and curbing south side of Dundas, between Richmond and Talbot streets, be awarded to A. Mainwaring, at 39 and 45 cents, respectively, his being the lowest. 2. That the tender of Wm. Smith, for laying the sewer on Richmond street, from

Maple to Kent, for \$400, be accepted. 3. We recommend that W. W. Fitzgerald have permission to lay down a sewer at his own expense from his property on Talbot street, to connect with the main sewer, free of charge, under the superintendence of the City Engineer.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 passed.

Ald. Scarrow moved the adoption of clause 2, seconded by Ald. O'Meara.

Mr. B. Johnston addressed the Council, advancing reasons why he should get the contract for the sewer.

Ald. Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the name of Mr. Johnston be substituted for that of Mr. Smith, on the ground that the former was a citizen and would employ city laborers.

Ald. Scarrow explained that the report should read "Smith and Wonnacott," and said that the latter was a citizen and a tax payer.

Engineer Tracy said there were two names on the Smith tender, but one could not be made out. The difference in the tenders was only \$2.

The clause passed, and the report was adopted without amendment.

Ald. Scarrow reported verbally in regard to the Maitland street sewer. Petitions for and against the sewer had been received, and a legal point had been raised.

Mr. M. M. Moore was heard in support of the sewer. He held that the ratepayers interested were entitled to the sewer.

Mr. Jas. Archer contended those in favor of the sewer were as three to one to those against it.

(Ald. Hewitt here entered the Chamber.)

The matter, on motion, was referred to No. 2 Committee with power, the Engineer to consult the solicitor on the legal aspect of the case.

NO. ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman:—

Your Committee having examined the following accounts recommend the same for payment:—

Incidental Expenses—

P. Murray.....	\$ 12 00
Dept. to Montreal.....	79 00
J. Gilligan.....	4 00
J. Gilligan.....	12 00
Dr. McGuigan.....	5 00

\$112 00

Administration of Justice—

Sheriff's account, Sept. 2nd. \$	90 30
Clerk of Peace, Sept. 2nd....	75 34

\$165 64

\$77 64

No. 2 Committee Accounts.

Streets, etc.—

Pay sheet, 17th.....	\$ 88 00
" " 24th.....	161 08
" " 31st.....	77 75
Gravel pit.....	\$ 767 50

\$1,094 28

City Parks—

Pay sheet, 17th.....	\$ 12 50
" " 24th.....	15 00
" " 31st.....	18 25
N. American Mfg. Co.....	8 20
Manville & Co.....	14 75
Hy. Colerick.....	40 00
Thos. Elms.....	40 00

\$ 148 70

City Hall—

Bowman & Co.....	\$ 156 62
Marshall & Stevenson.....	5 00

\$ 161 62

Flag Stone Pavement—

Matheson & Heard.....	\$1,000 00
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\$2,404 00

No. 3 Committee Accounts.

Fire Department—

Pay sheet.....	\$ 398 36
Telephone Company.....	20 00
J. W. Findlater.....	19 00
H. C. Green.....	13 06
J. A. Roe.....	4 55
B. G. Clappitt.....	2 50

\$ 458 07

Street Watering—

J. W. Findlater.....	13 50
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Street Lamps—

William Ironside.....	165 25
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Hospital—

James Cassidy.....	125 00
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Gas—

Gas Account.....	1,514 30
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\$2,152 3

Relief Account.

William Hinton.....	58 50
G. T. R.R. Passes.....	37 80
Tyler & Bullen.....	38 00
George McNeill.....	74 25

\$ 263 55

Total..... \$5,133 16

2—That the petition of Parke, Mills & Purdon *re* Muirhead *et al*, for part remission of 1883 taxes on account of fire, be referred to the Court of Revision, your Committee having no power.

3—That the petition of John Gilmour for remission of income tax be filed.

4—That the petition of Mrs. Dean to stay proceedings in collecting arrears of taxes against the Elliott property be filed, your Committee having no power.

5—Your Committee beg to submit reports from W. Bell, collector of statute labor and dog tax for 1884; John K. Clare, of uncollectable statute labor and dog tax for 1883; and also auditor's report for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1884.

6—Your Committee beg to recommend

that the following questions be submitted to the ratepayers at the next municipal election:—

1.—Shall the present Exhibition Grounds be sold?

2.—If the present Exhibition Grounds are sold, do you favor the use of the Carling Farm for exhibition purposes?

3.—If the present grounds are sold, do you favor the use of Salter's Grove for exhibition purposes?

And that a by law be prepared by the city solicitor for the purpose of submitting the matter to a vote of the citizens at the coming municipal elections.

7.—That the Council appoint a Subcommittee to meet committees from London East and London South, in view of the amalgamation of these suburbs with the city.

8.—That the Council authorize your Committee to open negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway Company to secure, if possible, the main workshops of the Company in the West for London, and your Committee solicit an expression of the Council on the question.

9.—Your Committee beg to report progress in the petition of Samuel Bird *re* dog tax.

10.—Your Committee has considered the matter of \$5,000 required by your No. 2 Committee, and beg to report that the only way to raise that amount is to levy a supplementary rate on the assessment for 1884 above the present estimates of the year.

The report was considered clause by clause. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 passed.

On motion for the adoption of clause 6, Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment: that No. 1 Committee bring in a report at next meeting of the Council, giving information as to suitable sites for an exhibition grounds, together with cost of same, estimates of probable cost of buildings and all other information relating thereto, and that the by-law be brought in at the next meeting and read twice.

Ald. Cowan suggested that the Council should place on record a vote on the question of selling the grounds, and the most suitable site to purchase. The Council should provide for the removal of the powder magazine. For his part he would support the purchase of the Carling Farm.

Ald. Birrell promised to supply the details asked for by Ald. Scarrow at next meeting.

The clause passed, with the addition of Ald. Scarrow's motion.

Clause 7 passed.

Ald. Stringer, Becher, Beattie and Birrell being named as the Committee, on motion of Ald. Scarrow.

A lengthy discussion took place on the 8th clause.

Ald. O'Meara recommended deliberation in the matter of a bonus, saying the city had been victimized by railways.

Ald. Stringer believed the Mayor and Ald. Birrell had shown wisdom in their management of the matter so far. He said the works were very important to the city.

In reply to a question the Mayor said they hoped to have the Car Shops rebuilt and important additions made to the works. If London East and the city joined hands in the matter success would be more likely to result. The central position occupied by the city gave them a big advantage. The Port Stanley lease required the Company to maintain their principal repairing and buildings shops within a mile of the city, and they had a right under this agreement to the rebuilding of the burned shops. He hoped to see such additional works here as would employ 1,100 or 1,200 men. It would certainly be worth making an effort to have the works concentrated here, and although not in a position to offer a cash bonus they might offer free water and certain exemptions. The question should be carefully kept apart from that of the amalgamation of London East, and not used as a lever to secure that end.

Ald. O'Meara said his remarks applied only to giving a cash bonus.

On motion, the clause passed, Ald. Stringer, Becher, Beattie and Birrell being the committee on this also.

Clauses 9 and 10 passed, and the report was adopted with the amendments moved.

Alderman Becher moved, seconded by Alderman Skinner, that the petitions *re* Marland street sewer be referred to the Engineer and City Solicitor, and No. 2 Committee be instructed to let contract for the work, upon a favorable report being received. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Ald. Stringer gave notice that at next meeting he would move for the submission to the people of questions in effect:—1. Shall the management of the waterworks department by three commissioners be abolished? 2. If so, shall it be placed under the management of the Council?

The Council then adjourned for three weeks.